

**LAKE MURRAY SENIORS BASS CLUB
JANUARY 2009**

CLUB CHAMPIONS 2008

SAM GRAY MIKE BAILEY

BIG FISH OF THE YEAR

7.87 POUNDS

EARL MUELLER

BIG BAG OF THE YEAR

18.30 POUNDS

BUD DALTON JOHN KRAUSE

TOP FIVE BOATERS

**SAM GRAY
EARL MUELLER
DAVID CASTLEBERRY
BUD DALTON
WILLIE CROCKER**

TOP FIVE NO BOATERS

**MIKE BAILEY
JOE FLEMING
CLINT DEBRAND
JIMMY NORRIS
BERNIE BELVILLE**

JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING

The January meeting was held on the 10th at Macedonia Church and was our banquet of 2008.

There were 51 members in attendance and 41 guests. Our president, Bill Sturm, called the meeting to order and the following were items of discussion:

- Remember those who are sick: Bob Jordan's wife was taken to the hospital on the 10th.
- Bill welcomed everyone to the banquet and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He offered our blessing and dinner was served. Many thanks to John Matthews and his staff for the wonderful dinner and for his service to our club for the past year.
- After dinner, Bill recognized the winners of our December tournament: John Berta and Mike Bailey. John reported that the fish were caught on docks with green pumpkin worms. Bill Lee and Jim Safley had the big fish.
- There was one new member present: Tony Wilcox.
- A 50/50 raffle was held for \$90 and Clint DeBrand was the winner.
- Bill began to present the awards for 2008 by recognizing those with perfect attendance: Earl Mueller, David Castleberry, Jim Cushman, Burl Fleming, David Larrabee, Mike Bailey, Joe Fleming, and Earl Greenaway. He also recognized Burl for six years of perfect attendance for meetings and tournaments.
- Winners of the monthly tournaments were recognized: James Fulmer and Bobby Byars, Earl Mueller and Dick Haug, James Fulmer and Dick Haug, Bud Dalton and Jon May, Bud Dalton and John Krause, James Fulmer and Clint DeBrand, Jim Cushman and Joe Abdalla, Peter Hamel and Bernie Belville, Sam Gray and Wayne Chester, Bill Lee and Bill Crapps, Bud Dalton and Bobby Byars, John Berta and Mike Bailey, January through December, respectively.
- Big Fish of the Year was presented to Earl Mueller, 7.87 pounds.
- Big Bag of the Year was presented to Bud Dalton and John Krause, 18.3 pounds.
- Top Anglers of the year were recognized: Boaters: Sam Gray, Earl Mueller, David Castleberry, Bud Dalton, and Willie Crocker. No Boaters: Mike Bailey, Joe Fleming, Clint DeBrand, Jimmy Norris, and Bernie Belville.
- Sam Gray and Mike Bailey were presented club jackets and plaques as the Boater and No Boater Champions for 2008.
- Fred Kingsmore was presented a club shirt for his many years of outstanding service to the club as our treasurer. Fred does an outstanding job for us year after year.
- Bill thanked the members who helped him during the year: Sam Gray, Jim Cushman, Fred Kingsmore, Willie Crocker, Peter Hamel, Dave Slaughter, and John Berta.
- Numerous gifts were then given out as door prizes.
- Bill closed the awards with a fisherman's prayer from Uncle Homer.
- The meeting was then turned over to our new officers, Dave Slaughter and Earl Mueller.
- Dave presented a plaque to Bill Sturm for his outstanding service as our 2008 president.
- Earl asked for input on when to start our January tournament. It was determined that we will fish from 9:00 to 3:00. Earl also mentioned that we will have a tank to put our fish in during the weigh in and that he wants us to come to the scales by boat numbers, i.e., 1—7, 8—14, 15—21, and etc.
- The draw for our January tournament was completed. Twenty two boats are scheduled for this tournament.
- The meeting was adjourned.

Tournament Results

Our January 2009 tournament was held on the 16th out of Billy Dreher State Park and 44 members participated. Twenty two boats at 9:00 on a clear but cold morning. It turned into a nice, but chilly day. The results were 35 fish caught at an approximate weight of 54 pounds. Only one limit was brought to the scales. There were zero dead fish.

The winner's were:

First Place:	Willie Crocker and Bernie Belville	5 Fish	9.10 pounds
Second Place:	Sam Gray and Joe Abdalla	4 Fish	5.72 pounds
Third Place:	Wayne Fulmer and Mike Bailey	3 Fish	5.35 pounds
Fourth Place:	Dave Slaughter and Joe Fleming	4 Fish	4.88 pounds
Fifth Place:	Earl Mueller and Ken Sullivan	2 Fish	4.02 pounds
Sixth Place:	Bud Dalton and David Larrabee	3 Fish	3.97 pounds
Seventh Place:	Ron Wood and George Taylor	2 Fish	3.95 pounds
Eighth Place:	Bill Sturm and Louie Davenport	1 Fish	2.85 pounds
Ninth Place:	Marvin Brown and Jimmy Norris	2 Fish	2.76 pounds
Tenth Place:	Randy Fulmer and Tom Weigand	2 Fish	2.40 pounds
Big Fish:	Willie Crocker and Bernie Belville	4.17 pounds	

Congratulations!!!

Next Tournament is February 19th

Tournament Director News

The next "one on one" will be held on February 12th from 8:00 —3:00.

The January 2009 "one on one" was held on the 8th and six members fished. Earl Mueller was the winner with 8.90 pounds and Sam Gray was second with 7.79 pounds. Ron Wood had the big fish at 3.80 pounds.

During our weigh-ins this year, we will use a sequence of boat numbers to accomplish the weigh-in. Boats 1-7 will be first and the TD will then call for boats 8-14 and etc. Please wait for your boat number to be called before heading to the scales. A tub will be used to put your fish in during the weigh-in. This is in preparation for the very hot months and an effort to keep more fish alive.

Fish which appear to be short will be measured. Remember, the penalty for a dead fish will increase to 0.25 pounds this year and the penalty for a short fish is one pound for each short fish and loss of the fish.

For Sale

George Taylor is the man to see for Lake Murray Seniors Bass Club Hats, Shirts and Jackets.
Hats are available in several different colors.
Contact George @ 803-532-6364.

Next meeting is on February 18th

@ 11:00 @ Macedonia Church.

Menu will be Country Ham, grits and eggs, sliced tomatoes, and rolls.

Cost is \$7.00 per person.

Welcome New Member

Tony Wilcox

Tony is originally from Texas and he attended Eastern Illinois University. He is married to Mary and they have three children and five grandchildren. He has a boat and is going to be a boater.